The Shirley Family

John Shirley was born in Prince William County, Virginia, in 1738. He married Elizabeth Barmore. Their first child, John Jr. was born ca. 1767 in Fauquier County ,Va. He married Elizabeth(last name unknown).
One of their sons, Richard married Mary Blain and moved to Greene County, Alabama. There their son ,William Washington was born January 30,1830. During the 1850's he married Mary Buckalew and they moved to Lauderdale County, Miss. They raised ten children and he died on July 4,1907. He and Mary are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetary in Clarke County, Miss. One of their sons, William Bruner, was Geather Bruner's father. He was born August2,1857.
He married Lou Ella Goodman on January 31,1882. He died August 1,1931 and Lou Ella died December 31,1947.
Their children were:

Lizzie May -December 15,1882- August 2,1953
Married John Andrew Johnston Jr. and raised six children.

Ellis Preston -November 25,1884 - June 22,1961
Married Annie Mattie Graham. Had eight Children.

Geather Bruner - January 3,1887 - January 28,1933
Married Lottie Bertha Diamond. Ten Children

Lillian Eva -August 10,1889 -November 29,1958
Married Robert Lewis Weekley. Five Children

Leora Carr -January 25,1892
Married John Carr. Two Children.

Susie Briton -June 24,1894
Married Calvert Hale Norris. Three Children.

Zula Estelle -July 23,1896 -November 30,1976
Married Edward Jefferson Phillips. Three Girls

Nannie Lenora -November 4,1899 -November 25,1956
Married Frank Marion Williams. Nine Children.

William Lloyd - October 6,1901
Married Engor Olivia Thornhill. Five Children.

Mary Lora Bell -November 24,1904
Married Robert Myers. Seven Children

Claudia Eathel -April 19,1907
Married Jack Bolar. One Child
Married (2nd.)Lester Smith. One Child
Married (3rd.) Virgil Jones . One Child.

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Darrell Alan -November 1,1955
Married -November 21,1979
Spouse - Brenda Strickland
Vernon Andrew Jr. -March 11,1957
Married -August 14,1977
Spouse - Robin Annette Kirkland
Children -Annette Stacy-May 4,1978
Tracy Michelle- July 1,1979
Gayla Joy - November 13,1958
Married -June 24,1979
Spouse - H. Marshall Farley
Child - Matthew Lewis- Dec. 14,1979

3. James Carson
Born - October 14,1938
Married - 1964
Spouse - Julie Ward
Children -
Deone Elizabeth-June 21,1967
Alona Mae - July 28,1968

4. Mary Frances
Born - August 7,1942
Married - October 7,1961
Spouse - Bobby Graham Quinn
Children -
Roy Wayne- February 12,1962
Claudia Renee - April 26,1970
Bobbette Grace -November 1,1972
Crystal Shea - April 7,1974

** John William
Born -April 9,1914
Died - January 1945 (At Battle of Bulge in Belguim)

*** Mary Gladys
Born - July 31,1916
Married - May 6,1933
Spouse -Sam Barber
Their Children:

1. Eugene
Born - June 21,1934
Married - June 28,1970
Spouse - Patsy Leggett
Children -
Jenie Gayle- January 22,1970
Susie Dale - January 11,1974

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2. Yvonne
Born - March 8,1942
Married - October 14,1960
Spouse - Karl Magnussen
Children -
Steven - September 6,1962
Kristin - November 21,1969

**** Geather Winston
Born -January 18,1918
Married -August 23,1952
Died - October14,198[illegible]
Spouse - Catherine Bradford

***** Major Evan
Born -October 24,1921
Married -November 5,1963
Spouse - Mary Wilborn

****** Dorothy Merle
Born -November 26,1923
Married -March 7,1942
Spouse - Charles Bradford
Their Children:

1. Richard David
   Born - May 16,1943
   Married - February 19,1978
   Spouse - Connie
2. Gary Bruce
   Born - October 25,1946
   Married - May 27,1967
   Spouse - Suann Campbell
3. Linda Sue
   Born - August 6,1950
   Married - 1968
   Spouse - James Michael West
4. Charles Leonard
   Born - March 4,1960

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Geather Bruner Jr.
Born -December 18,1926
Married - December 11,1949
Spouse - Catherine Willis
Their Children:

1. Linda Carol
   Born - October 21,1950
   Married -May 22,1970
   Spouse - David Foster (1st. marriage)
   Children -John Preston- July 22,1972
   Julie Catherine -August 26,1976
   Spouse - Edwin Pope- October 10,1980(2nd. marriage)
   Children -Amanda Carol- May 5,1981
   Carrie Nicole - February 4,1983
2. David Lamar
   Born - October 26,1958
3. Tracy Elizabeth
   August 2,1963

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******** Norma Jean
Born - March 10,1929
Married - November 29,1945
Spouse - Jerry Jean Jordan
Their Children:

1. Jerry Jean Jr.
   Born -October 18,1947
   Married - June 13,1970
   Spouse - Catherine Louretta Brinson
   Children -
   Jennifer Jenine- July 15,1974
   Jerry Jean II - November 12,1975

2. Charles Marvin
   Born -April 27,1949
   Marriage - December 6,1969
   Spouse - Mary Linda Laird
   Children -
   Maurie Michelle - Sept. 15,1972
   Shannon Veronica - July 2,1978

3. Yvonne
   Born - March 12,1950
   Married - April 17,1970
   Spouse - Earl Ray Sparrow
   Children-
   Wendy Lynn- July 29,1972
   Kevin Shawn - May 11,1980

4. Yvette
   Born - March 12,1950
   Married - May 2,1970
   Spouse - Tilman James Bryan Jr. (1st. marriage)
   Child -
   Tilman James III- October 5,1972
   Marriage (2nd.) September 2,1977
   Spouse - Darrell McRee Wiggins
   Child -
   Steven Wayne - January 5,1979

********* Lavon
Born - June 6,1933

********** Lavelle
Born - June 6,1933

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Dear Mr. O'Brien,

Sorry to have taken so long to get this information to you about the Geather Bruner Shirley family. Getting all the research together proved to be too much for me at this time . I have not been able to get every one a copy of the book that wanted one. So I am condensing the information about Geather and his family for you. I hope it will help. There will be no charge as I just typed this out, no copy cost. If I can be of furthur help let me know.

Sincerely

Irene Shirley

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GEATHER BRUNER SHIRLEY

Geather Bruner was one of eleven children born to William Bruner and Lou Ella Goodman Shirley.
He was born January 3,1887 in the Mt. Zion Community in Clarke County, Mississippi. On September 9,1911, he married Miss Lottie Bertha Diamond. They became the parents of ten children. Geather died January 28,1933 and is buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetary in Clarke County, Mississippi.

Lottie Bertha was born November 27,1891. She died in the last of December 1963. She is buried at Pleasant Grove also. Her parents were John W. Diamond and Allie Doggett Diamond.

Children:

* Claudia May
Born - August 22,1912
Married - November 12,1930
Spouse - Hugh James Tice
Their children:

1. Hugh James Jr.
Born - June 20,1932
Married -October 20,1951
Spouse - Mary Lou Limerick
Children -

Sharon Faye
Born - August 11,1953
Married -March 27,1970
Spouse -(1st.) Ronald Ray Pickard
Child - Ronald Eric - December 11,1970
Married (2nd.)April 26,1974
Spouse - John Floyd Wood Jr.
Child - John Floyd III - May 22,1975

Ronald Dale
Born - January 4,1956
Married - March 5,1977
Spouse - Leah Jill Welborn
Children - Valerie Dawn - September 6,1977
Felecia Roxanne -May 28,1979

Mark Wayne
Born - January 9,1958

H.J. and Mary Lou were divorced in 1960

Hugh James Tice Jr. married Patricia Sullivan in 1962.

2. Vernon Andrew
Born -February26,1934
Married -July 2,1934
Spouse - Virginia Boyette
Children -

Nora Kay - January 23,1955
Married - August 30,1972
Spouse - Richard C. Smith
Children - Christopher Shane -Feb.1,1976
Richard Kieth -April 12,1979

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